

Elements of Expository/Informational Text

Examples	Newspaper	Textbook	Magazine Articles	Brochures	Catalogues
Purpose	To inform				
Characteristics	One Expository passage may be organized using several different text structures.				
Expository/Informational Terms (student-friendly definition)	Cause-Effect	Introduction of setting, characters, background information, and conflict			
	Chronological/Sequence	Time and place			
	Compare/Contrast	People, animals, or other entities in the text			
	Description/Categorization	Problem			
	Problem-Solution	A character's struggle within himself/herself			
	Position-Reason	A character's struggle with another character			

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